

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if more than one name is listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**High-capacity optical storage media**

which is described and claimed in:

the attached specification.

the specification in U.S. Application No. filed \_\_\_\_\_, and as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).  
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the specification in International Application No. filed **25/02/2004** (if applicable).  
assigned U.S. Application No. (if applicable), and as amended  
 under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)  
(day/month/year)  
 under PCT Article 34 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)  
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 and further amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is known by me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America relating to this subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY/REGION (OR PCT)	APPLICATION No.	FILING DATE (day/month/year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED	
Europe	03100908.7	04/04/2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Europe	03102687.5	02/09/2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States listed below and, insofar as the application discloses and claims subject matter in addition to that disclosed in the prior copending application, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known by me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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